मध्य प्रदेश में राष्ट्रीय राजमार्ग

28. **श्री अजीत जोगी:** क्या जल-भूतल परिवहन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या मध्य प्रदेश में कुछ सड़कों को राष्ट्रीय राजमार्गों के रूप में परिवर्तित किए जाने का कोई प्रस्ताव सरकार के विचाराधीन है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है;

(ग) क्या क्षेत्रफल की दृष्टि से इस राज्य के देश का सबसे बड़ा राज्य होने के कारण तथा इस कारण कि इस राज्य में आदिवासियों का बाहुल्य है और फिर भी यह एक पिछड़ा हुआ क्षेत्र है, सरकार इस राज्य में राष्ट्रीय राजमार्गों की संख्या में वृद्धि करने का विचार रखती है; और

(घ) क्या राज्य में वर्तमान राजमार्गों के उन्नयन (सुधार) के लिए कुछ और अधिक धनराशि आवंटित किए जाने का विचार है?

जल-भूतल परिवहन मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री राजेश पायलट) : (क) से (ग) भारत सरकार ने निज़ामाबाद (आंध्र प्रदेश में) शुरू होकर जगदलपुर (मध्य प्रदेश) में समाप्त होने वाली अंतर्राज्यीय सड़क को राष्ट्रीय राजमार्ग घोषित करने का निर्णय लिया है, जो संयोगवश मध्य प्रदेश में लगभग 220 कि०मी० का फासला कवर करती है।

(घ) वर्ष 1988-89 के दौरान मध्य प्रदेश में राष्ट्रीय राजमार्गों के विकास के लिए 18.00 करोड़ रुपये का आबंटन किया गया है।

Rehabilitation of Shipping Industry

29. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to rehabilitate the Shipping industry in the country;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof, and

(c) what funds have been allocated for this purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) to (c) The Government, with the help of Shipping Credit and Investment Company of India Ltd., has framed rehabilitation packages for 'sick' private shipping companies, which are considered to be viable. The rehabilitation packages include, *inter-alia*, restructuring of the outstanding loan by converting excess of the principal amount of debt over the actual valuation of the assets into interest free debt and the outstanding interests into cumulative convertible preference shares. The promoters of the rehabilitated companies are also required to put in adequate contributions.

In addition, Government have taken a number of measures to revive the shipping industry. Some of these are:

(i) Speeding up the acquisition procedures.

(ii) Allowing acquisition of ships for cross-trade.

(iii) Permitting acquisition of ships upto 25% in excess of assessed requirements;

(iv) Allowing shipowners to placed orders on Indian shipyards without reference to assesed requirements;

(v) Providing cargo support to Indian shipping; and

(vi) Modification of *pari-passu* obligations.

Shipping Credit and Investment Company of India is assisting private sector shipping companies for acquisition of ships.

Railway Projects For New Lines

30. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of Railway Projects under which new railway lines are likely to be constructed during the next three years; and

(b) what funds have been allocated for this purpose by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) The details of railway projects likely to be under construction during the next three years and , thereafter, and the funds allocated against each of them are given in the Pink Book which forms a part of the Railway Budget documents.

Increase in Rail accidents

31. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state·

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been a considerable increase in rail accident during the last one year, in comparison to the previous two years;

(b) what has been the estimated loss of life and property in each case; and

(c) whether any steps have been taken to minimise rail accidents; if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The number of persons who lost their lives in train accidents during 1985-86, 1986-87 and 1987-88 was 214, 267 and 216 respectively. Loss to railway property on account of these accidents during these years was Rs. 11.45 crores, Rs. 16.40 crores and Rs. 11.09 crores respectively.

(c) Some of the steps taken to prevent accidents are as under:—

(i) Greater emphasis upon rehabilitation of rolling stock, including passenger coaches.

(ii) Increased pace of track renewals,

(iii) Induction of sophisticated technology to supplement human vigliance viz., auxiliary warning system, axle counter, etc.

(iv) Ultrasonic testing of axles and rails.

(v) Modernisation of workshops to improve the quality of repairs and maintenance.

(vi) Greater emphasis on training, refresher courses, etc. to safety categories of staff viz. drivers, station masters/assistant station masters, guards, switchmen and cabinmen etc. Loco simulators being procured to improve the training of drivers.

(vii) Revamping of training systems, methods and procedures, etc. through use of modern teaching aids like slide projectors, practical demonstrations, etc.

Supply of F-16 by U.S.A. to Pakistan

32. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the U.S.A. has since agreed to supply F-16 fighter aircrafts to Pakistan; and

(b) if so, what would be its impact on Indo-US and Indo-Pak relations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (PROF. K. K. TEWARI): (a) and (b) Government is aware of earlier United States supplies of F-16s to Pakistan, and has noted with concern Pakisan's request for 60 additional F-16 aircraft. The United States Government is yet to take a decision on the request. It would be premature to comment on the impact that such a development could have on Indo-US, and Indo-Pak relations.

Jammu Tawi-Udhampur rail-link

33. SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state;

(a) when the foundation stone for the